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FUNCTIONING OF A COMPUTER

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**AMENDMENT**

SIR:

**Technology Center 2100**

This Amendment addresses the Office Action mailed October 23, 2002, and it  
is respectfully requested that the above-identified application be amended as shown below. It  
is respectfully submitted that this Amendment places the above-identified application in  
condition for allowance.

**In the Claims:**

Please amend the Claims as shown:

A1  
2. (Amended) The method according to Claim 1, further comprising the step of posing  
instructions in the auxiliary program as to which information regarding the computer should  
be investigated.

A2  
9. (New) The method according to Claim 1, further comprising the step of performing a  
check periodically to determine whether there is a request from an outside source to process  
the auxiliary program.